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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 6,

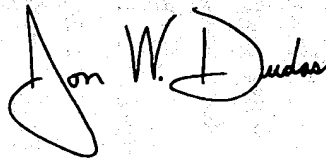
Line 38, change "each of(1 to N)" to -- each of (1 to N) --;

Line 39, change "as E_4), where" to -- as E_i), where --;

Line 41, change "cost extension period" to --cost, period--.

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a distinct "D".

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